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Dear Jeff

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Referring to our exchange of telex messages in November last, our associates have now reported simultaneously the filing of an amendment and the issue of a further official action.

Copies of the response and amendment are enclosed and a copy of the claims in English showing the latest amendments in manuscript. As received, July 1991 amendments are in black and November amendments are in red but I do not think you will have any difficulty in identifying which is which. The deletions in claim 1, the cancellations of previous claims 19, 20 and 25-28 and all the amendments on page 19 were made in November 1991.

Also enclosed is a translation of the latest action, in which the Examiner's first objection is that without a mouthpiece the article will burn the smoker's lips. I do not need your help to dispose of this.

Three references are now cited against the present application. FI 863 428 and EP 264 195 have already been cited against other applications in this series. A copy of US 4 732 168 is enclosed. The Examiner does not seem to have studied the present application very closely because he cites the same pages in FI 863 428 as he did against PM 1315, although there is a critical difference in the manner in which the sleeve is defined in the present application.

The latest action has a term for reply expiring on 21 May 1992 and I look forward to receiving your comments in good time.

Yours sincerely

J. H. Bass

cc: Beverly A. Monroe ✓

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